

February 24, 2023

Re: Hearing on February 27, 2023

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Anwar and Rep. McCarthyVahey, Vice-Chairs Sen. Kushner, Sen. Marx and Rep. Parker, Ranking Members Sen. Somers and Rep. Klarides-Ditria, and Distinguished Members of the Public Health Committee

I am writing in support of SB 1076

I and three of my cousins have meningiomas, tumors in the head which can be very treatable, as mine was, or devastating, as was one cousin's tumor.

While I was recovering from my craniotomy last summer, my cousin was becoming ever more incapacitated. He had had two craniotomies over the last few years but his meningioma was malignant and his condition was rapidly deteriorating.

Maybe the only fortunate thing was that he was able to legally end his life. He was evaluated in a thorough process. And on the date he chose, he gathered close friends and relatives at his home. He spent time with them and then died when he peacefully went to sleep.

I pray that our legislature will have the wisdom to enact this bill for patient's like my cousin and his loved ones. He was a charming happy fun-loving man, married, with two children who endured ever more difficult years. And then his government was so helpful.

That is what we need from Connecticut.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of Aid in Dying

Very truly yours,

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